

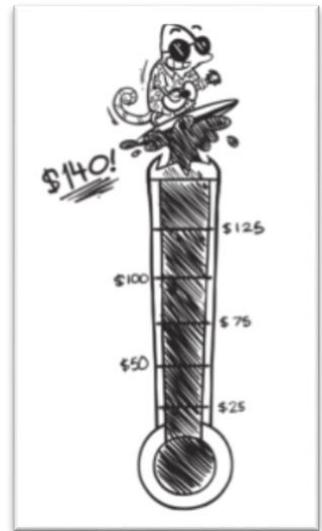


Chance Striker: One in a Million Discussion Questions

Instructions: Read the following questions about the book and discuss your ideas with a partner or in a group.

1. Chance is always thinking up ways to earn money so that he can buy a pet chameleon. He and his friend Ronnie come up with a marketing scheme for the local pet shop, create a pop-up Halloween makeup studio, and sell Halloween candy to their classmates.

- Have you ever saved up money to buy something special?
- How did you earn enough to buy it?
- How did you feel when you finally saved up enough and brought it home?



2. Chance thinks his family is pretty weird. His mom is super-into yoga, his sister is a hiccupping science genius, and his younger twin brothers are sugar fiends. But all of them end up helping Chance out, one way or another.

- Do your family members have any weird habits or traits? What are they?
- Have any of these weird habits ever come in handy in unexpected ways?
- If you could give somebody in your family a funny habit or trait, what would it be?



3. Chance faces some tough competitors as he leads his team to the championship, including the Egg Twins, Spiderlegs, The Howitzer, Jitterbug, and, of course, Bull Pike. Sometimes he has a plan to beat them. Sometimes it's just pure luck.

- Have you ever had to overcome a challenge to accomplish a goal?
- What plan did you come up with?
- If you had to play against the same players Chance had to play against, what plan would you have used?
- If you had to play against Chance, what plan do you think would work best?



4. Some weird things happen at Chance's school. Library books with cheeseburgers slammed in them, stuff smeared on the walls, and a serious toilet paper shortage.

- Has anything weird ever happened in your school?
- If you were the principal of Chance's school, how would you deal with the weird things that happen?
- If you were the principal of your school, what would you change about it?



5. Chance loves summertime in New York City. There's the Italian Ice sellers, trips to the beach, and, of course, no school. But there are some other things he doesn't like so much about it, including crowded, sweaty subway rides.

- What are your favorite things about summer where you live?
- What are the not-so-great things about summer in your town or city?
- If it could be summer all year long, would you like that? Or do you like having different seasons?



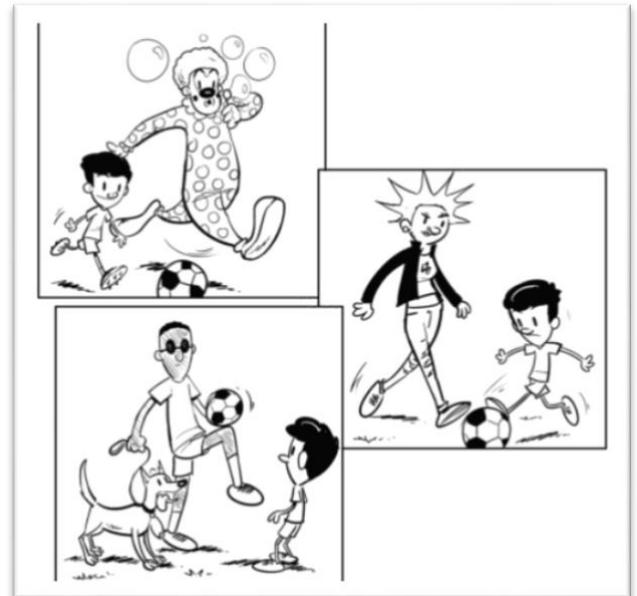
6. Chance's friend Andy comes up with a survey that kids can take to find out which kind of animal is the perfect pet for them.

- Have you ever taken a survey of any kind? What kind of questions were on it?
- If you took Andy's survey, what pet do you think it would match you with?
- If you were going to create a survey like Andy's, to match kids with their perfect pets, what questions would be on it?



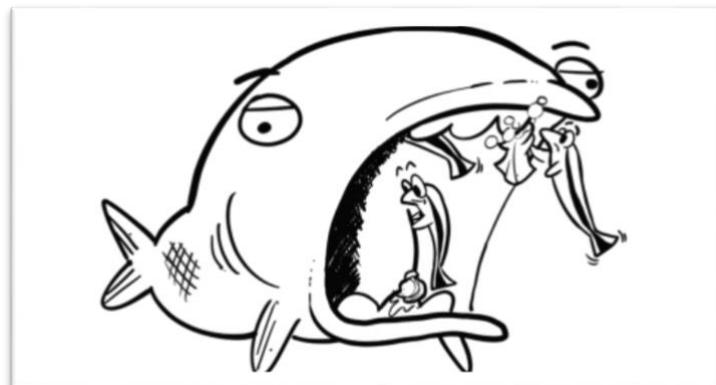
7. One of Chance's favorite things is going to Central Park to play soccer with all kinds of people.

- What do you think Chance learns from playing soccer with different sorts of people?
- Have you ever shared an activity with someone much different than you?
- If Chance came to your town or city, where would you tell him to go in order to play soccer with all kinds of people?



8. Chance learns an interesting fact about a certain kind of fish called a "cleaner wrasse." These fish swim into the mouths of bigger fish to eat the tiny creatures that live there.

- Why do you think the bigger fish don't eat the cleaner wrasses?
- If you were a fish, would you rather be a big fish that lets cleaner wrasses swim around in your mouth or a cleaner wrasse that swims around in big fishes' mouths?
- Do you know any interesting, surprising, or weird animal facts?



9. When Chance needs some peace and quiet, he heads for the fire escape of his apartment. Usually, it's the only place where he can relax and be alone, although sometimes he gets interrupted by the growling Christmas Tree below.

- When you need some peace and quiet, where do you go?
- Have you ever had to switch spots, because your old one wasn't so quiet anymore?
- If you could design your own spot where you could relax and be alone, what would it look like? What would be in it?



10. Even though he's the youngest and smallest kid on the team, Chance beats the odds and goes from zero to hero.

- What other famous underdogs can you think of?
- Have you ever been an underdog before?
- How did you beat the odds and how did you feel afterwards?

